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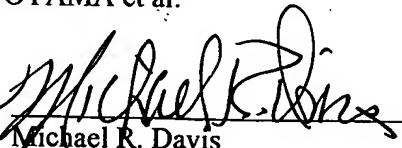
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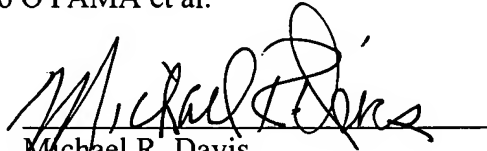
The attached Supplementary European Search Report was issued in connection with the European application corresponding to the present U.S. application. Copies of the references cited therein are enclosed, and the references are cited on the attached PTO-1449 form, except for the JP 7-205274 reference, which has already been cited in Applicants' IDS of September 24, 2004.

Applicants are also submitting herewith copies of the International Search Report and Notice of Reasons for Refusal, with a translation thereof, which were issued in connection with the PCT application and Japanese application corresponding to U.S. Application Serial No. 10/562,447 (which is cited by the Examiner in the Office Action of October 1, 2007 in the present application, wherein claim 23 of the present application was provisionally rejected for obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of the '447 application). Copies of the references cited in these documents are enclosed, except for the JP '274 reference referred to above, which was cited in Applicants' IDS of September 24, 2004.

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